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WEATHER.

Eastern and Western Oregon—Rain.
Eastern and Western Washington and Idaho—Rain.

INDISCRIMINATE BLAME.

There is a good deal of real anxiety among a certain class of Astorians as to the effect upon the marine prestige of the Columbia bar and the bay and port of Astoria, by reason of the two total wrecks recorded here within the past thirty days. There is no cause for worry over the matter. The wrecks of the Iredale and the Galena were not attributable to any lack of facilities for the protection of ships; the coast all about here fairly bristles with fixed and brilliant lights, including a splendid lighthouse; there are two powerful sea tugs on the bar, or near it, constantly; the pilot schooner is off the bar ninety-five one-hundredths of the year; the sea channels to and from the bar are well known and clearly charted and, while we are about it, we might say, that Clatsop beach, from Point Adams to Tillamook Head, is an ideal spot for ships to come ashore, judging by the consummate ease with which the last two wrecks reached it. All a skipper has to do, apparently, is to casually drop his vessel in to the south of the jetty on a foggy morning, wait for high water, slip ashore without shaking down a single block or spar, stand by his ship until low tide, climb over the side and walk ashore. There are two sides to this matter of piling ships upon Clatsop sands, and the red-tape of official accounting for the alleged disasters will become disarranged some of these days so that a person with half an eye will be able to detect the actual facts behind it all. It is a simple matter to fling blame right and left, but the "dickens of it is," that it will rebound to the discomfiture of those who so cavalierly do the flinging. The percentage of loss in the neighborhood of the Columbia bar is far too meagre to support the theory of its being a standard marine grave-yard. While the losses are to be, and really are, deplored by everyone in touch with the situation, they were so manifestly the outcome of causes remote and apart from any delinquencies chargeable to the port, as to arouse resentment against the wilful assertion that anything had left undone by government, or local authorities, that might have spared the ships.

CRIMINAL ACCESS.

It is apparent to the most casual reader of the newspapers that there is a palpable access in crime all over the country. Nor is it at all surprising in view of the excesses to which the wealth of the country is being directed. The idle rich are responsible for the vast bulk of the evils and the bold and blatant display of tempting valuables on all sides, keeps alive the avid lust of theft and its kindred crimes and they will not down until the decent, common sense of the fortunate people of the earth shall prevail to contract the allurements and chance for depredation. And again, a conspicuous percentage of these same people "with money to burn" are constantly devising new methods of debauchery and reckless indulgence, that invite the cupidly and desperate instincts that lead to crime in all its phases. Of course there are other agencies contributing to this wretched increase, in fact they are innumerable, but the main cause has been stated and we doubt seriously if any abatement of the leading basic incentive will be made. The inclin-

ation to parade and boast and expand, among the commoner minds that control immense wealth, is too deeply rooted to apply the wisdom of silence and unostentation.

ABE RUEF'S BLUNDERS.

The great Jew boss of San Francisco Abe Ruef, has committed two extraordinary blunders that reveal the actual paucity of dependable ground that exists beneath his tottering feet. In the first place, he sought to have himself appointed to the district attorneyship, a blunder that was so palpably raw that the reading world guffawed audibly at the absurdity and transparency of it; secondly, he prefers charges against Heney, the man who is pressing him to the hour and sum of his retribution, of accepting a huge bribe for the work he is doing in behalf of San Francisco and her despoiled people, in that he is to be the recipient of the \$100,000 raised by these same people to assist in the righteous program he has cut out for Ruef and his cohorts. The money has been contributed, but it has not even been tendered to Mr. Heney, and if it had, it is not within the scope of reason that he would have accepted a dollar of it. So, once more, Ruef has shown how nearly bereft he is of resources for turning the tide of shame and ultimate ruin from his path. He is doomed to extinction, and Heney is to be the "front and offense" of his undoing; and there will be half a million beneficiaries to hail the fall of this arch-thief.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The Republican majority in the next house seems to be as deep as a well and as wide as a church door, and it will certainly serve.

Prophet Parham, excommunicated and banished from Zion City, will find plenty of missionary work awaiting him in his new home—Pittsburg.

In estimating the future of Hearst and Bryan, Democrats are now at liberty to suit themselves, as to which one is Gaston and which Alphonse.

The size of the vote in Illinois shows that the state did not consider 1906 an off year. And, as usual, she rolled up a good-sized Republican majority.

Mr. Hearst's name for his opponent was "animated feather duster." He will notice that there are no flies on Hughes and that he is taking nobody's dust.

At Panama the earth to be excavated for the canal is estimated at 120,000,000 cubic yards. Now let Uncle Sam witch the world in digging dirt.

Congressman Mudd of Maryland was handicapped by his name, but he had the benefit of Gompers' active hostility, and carried his district by a safe lead.

St. Louis and Kansas City elected Republican congressmen in their districts. The class called workmen are believers in prosperity and good government.

The fight in several of the states, especially New York, was a hot time, and some other term than off year will have to be invented for such occasions.

Moran, the Ben Butler of 1906, was badly beaten. Massachusetts has no room for Hearstism under any sort of a guise in these days of Republican prosperity.

Harper's Bazaar announces that blue-eyed girls are again coming into style. If they ever went out of style they did it so quietly and unostentatiously that nobody observed it.

When a man says he is always sick, troubled with a cough that lasted all winter—that would you think if he should say—he never was sick since using Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Such a man exists: Mr. J. C. Clark, Denver, Colorado, writes: "For years I was troubled with a severe cough that would last all winter. This cough left me in a miserable condition. I tried Ballard's Horehound Syrup and have not had a sick day since. That's what it did for me." Hart's Drug Store.

Secretary Shaw announces a plan to increase bank note circulation by \$18,000,000 for which purpose he will accept securities other than government bonds for deposits in national banks.

In Australia several kinds of snakes are eaten roasted. They are said to be equal in delicacy and flavor to the finest stewed eels. A traveler declares the steam from the roasting reptiles is by no means unsavory.

Edison, the great inventor, promises within six months to supply the world with a storage battery at a cost of not over \$200 that will enable its owner to travel without further cost any distance for fifteen years. He says the horse is doomed.

The fateful word comes echoing from London that whiskers are once more to be the fashion. The last decade has unquestionably been that of the clean shaven—clean shaven except possibly for the mustache and even mustaches have been growing fewer.

The Cure For Anarchism

By CHARLES J. BONAPARTE, Secretary of the Navy

ANARCHISM will not be removed within a given time or through a special measure or set of measures. Perhaps it will not be wholly removed in any time or by any means. I believe that anarchism has been and can be made less dangerous by being dealt with SERIOUSLY AND RATIONALLY.

In the first place the unlawful acts prompted by anarchism should be made crimes in so far as they are not, strictly speaking, crimes already, and should be punished with such penalties as are particularly distasteful to the criminals and therefore the most effective deterrents to crime.

To keep an anarchist for years in a penitentiary merely burdens the community with the support of an irreconcilable enemy, with constant risk of his escape or pardon and the certainty that whenever he leaves he will be, if possible, A WORSE MAN THAN WHEN HE ENTERED. On anarchists the death penalty should be unequivocally imposed by law and inflexibly executed whenever the prisoner has sought, directly or indirectly, to take life.

For offenses of less gravity I advise a comparatively brief but VERY RIGOROUS imprisonment, characterized by complete seclusion, deprivation of all comfort and denial of any form of distraction, and a severe, but not public, whipping. THE LASH, of all punishments, most clearly shows the culprit that he suffers for what his fellow men hold odious and disgraceful and not merely for reason of public policy.

Any abridgment from fear of the anarchists of that freedom of speech and of the press guaranteed us by our state and federal constitutions would be neither a wise nor a worthy policy; but these privileges in no wise shield COUNSELORS OF CRIME or instigators of disorder and rebellion. A published writing recommending the murder of the chief magistrate and the violent overthrow of the government is a seditious libel AT COMMON LAW, and there is no good reason why the public utterance of spoken words of the same purport should not be made a like offense by statute.

IT IS ALREADY A CRIME TO ADVISE A FELONY OR GRAVE MISDEMEANOR IF THE ADVICE LEADS TO THE CRIME SUGGESTED, AND THERE IS NO GOOD REASON WHY THIS SHOULD NOT BECOME A SUBSTANTIVE OFFENSE WITHOUT REGARD TO ITS CONSEQUENCES.

"Honesty Is the Best Politics"

By Governor JOSEPH W. FOLK of Missouri

THE man who violates the law is neither a Democrat nor a Republican. HE IS A RASCAL. And as such he ought to be prosecuted. Politicians today are beginning to realize that honesty is the best POLITICS, as well as the best POLICY. It is now generally conceded that a rascal is a rascal still, whether he calls himself a Republican or a Democrat.

PARTISANSHIP IS A GOOD THING SOMETIMES, BUT PATRIOTISM IS A GOOD THING ALL THE TIME.

There was once a man who said to his friends, "I wish I could die for my country." That man was subsequently brought to his knees and confessed to his part in a plan which showed he bribed an entire municipal assembly to pass a franchise bill which he was back of. PATRIOTISM was on his lips. TREASON WAS IN HIS HEART. The greatest impediment to good government is the INDIFFERENCE of citizens with regard to their duty as such. I refer SPECIALLY to politics.

IN THE CITY THEATERS.

"WHEN WOMEN LOVE."

The popular Mack Swain Company have made a most pronounced hit with the above-named play, at the Astoria Theater, and the production is a fine one, in all respects. Tomorrow night the company will present a sensational comedy-drama entitled "The Inside Track," which will form the bill for the balance of the week, with the exception of the Saturday matinee, on which occasion, "When Women Love" will be repeated.

ALWAYS WAS SICK.

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MRS. POTTER PALMER.

SEATTLE, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Potter Palmer, accompanied by Prince and Princess Cantacuzene, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Palmer, and Potter Palmer Jr., arrived in Seattle at midnight from Victoria, B. C., in a private car. The party will go south today.

Had a Close Call.

"A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was prevented by the application of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says A. C. Sticker, of Miletus, W. Va. "Persistent use of the Salve completely cured it." Cures Cuts, Burns, and Injuries. 25c at Chas. Rogers', druggist.

A Year of Blood.

The year 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tackett, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood; which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackett's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me at death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven, permanently cured." Guaranteed for Sore Lungs, Coughs and Colds, at Chas. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

STEAMER TARTAR.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 14.—The steamer Tartar arrived at quarantine tonight from Hongkong with 700 hundred Hindoos on board. It is feared there will be opposition to their landing at Vancouver.

Agency Secured.

We have secured the agency for Orino Laxative Fruit Syrup, the new laxative that makes the liver lively, purifies the breath, cures headache and regulates the digestive organs. Cures chronic constipation. Ask us about it. T. F. Lauren, Owl Drug Store.

Famous Strike Breakers.

The most famous strike breakers in the land are Dr. King's New Life Pills. When liver and bowels go on strike, they quickly settle the trouble, and the purifying work goes right on. Best cure for constipation, headache and dizziness. 25c at Chas. Rogers', druggist.

When you're broke the girls are shy. They turn and fly as you come nigh; Brace up, old man, show some pluck, Take Rocky Mountain Tea; twill change your luck. For sale by Frank Hart.

WANTED—STEADY MAN OF ADvanced years for night watchman.

News from Want-Adville

OLD BILL JONES was down and out— According to the people— Awaiting for the sexton's bell A-tolling in the steeple.

"He ain't nary 'count at all," Said most of Bill Jones' neighbors, "Top it off," said Paddy Lane, "He's crowbait now, be-jabbers!"

Old Bill Jones objected to Such prejudiced opinion. "I'm a man, for all of that! I'll never be a minion!"

So quoth Bill, and made it good, By moving to Want-Adville, Got a job as watchman there; And all say now, "Good boy, Bill!"

MORAL.

Read the news from Want-Adville.

The Art of Fine Plumbing

has progressed with the development of the science of sanitation and we have kept pace with the improvements. Have you? Or is your bathroom one of the old fashioned, unhealthy kind?



If you are still using the "closed in" fixtures of ten years ago, it would be well to remove them and install in their stead, snowy white "Standard" Porcelain Enamelled Ware, of which we have samples displayed in our showroom. Let us quote you prices. Illustrated catalogue free.

J. A. Montgomery, Astoria.

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APPEARANCES Often a person is sized up by his appearance; by the tone that surrounds him. And more often a business house is sized up by the stationary it uses. A cheap letter head or a poor bill head gives a mighty poor first impression and makes business harder to transact. Good printing costs no more than poor printing. The first impression is half the battle in business. You wouldn't employ a "sloppy" salesman; why put up with "sloppy" stationery, that gives a wrong impression of the importance of your business. Let us do your printing and help you to make that ten strike. The J. S. Dellinger Co. ASTORIA, OREGON